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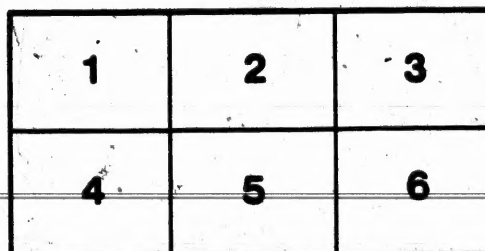
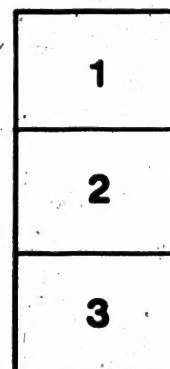
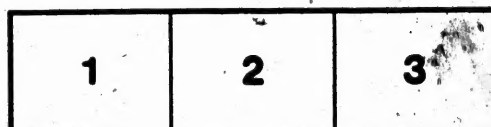
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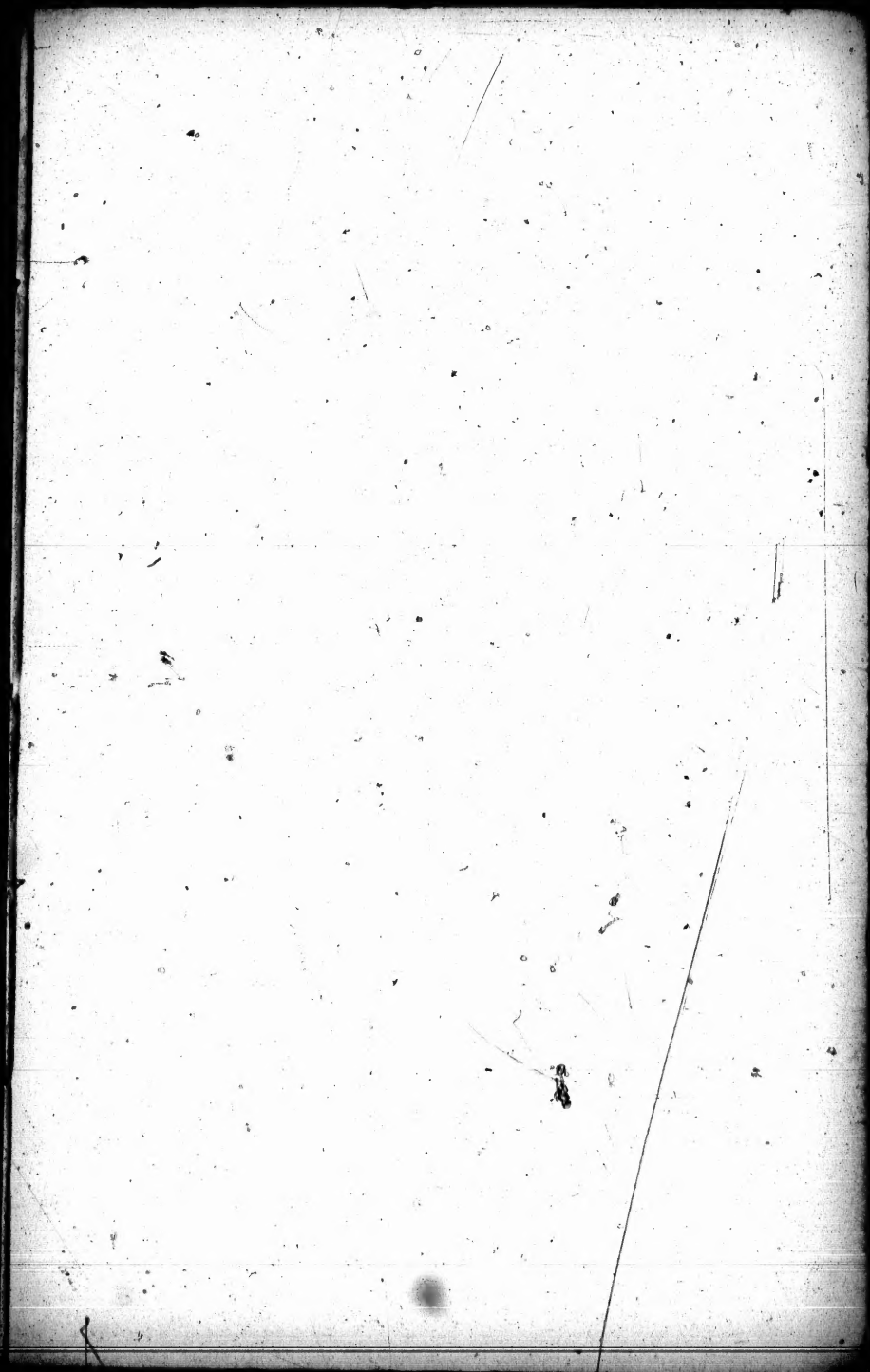
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THE QUEBEC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, 29th August, 1851.

At the Custom House Buildings a Meeting was assembled, to adopt measures for the formation of a Horticultural Society in the City of Quebec, at which were present—

James Gibb, Dr. Nault, Edward Burstall, Dr. Bardy, John Musson, Errol Boyd Lindsay, J. W. Dunscombe, Thomas Gibb, Thomas May, G. O. Stuart, Esquires.

Mr. Stuart was requested to take the chair, and J. W. Dunscombe, Esquire, to act as Secretary pro. tem., when a letter from His Worship the Mayor, N. F. Belleau, Esquire, was read, stating, that being upon the point of attending the meeting he was unexpectedly prevented from doing so, but requesting that his name should be inserted in the proceedings, and as taking part therein.

It was resolved, That it is expedient to form in the City of Quebec a Society, to be called the Quebec Horticultural Society, to be composed of the above named persons, and such others as may see fit to become members thereof, to improve the Art, Science and Products of Horticulture, by means of Public Exhibitions, to be held periodically, and adopted for their government the following Rules and Regulations:—

ARTICLE I.

Name of Society and Officers. The Officers of the QUEBEC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY shall consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and twelve directors, who shall be chosen by ballot, annually.

ARTICLE II.

Committees. There shall also be chosen annually, the following Committees, viz :

A Committee for the Establishment of Premiums, consisting of four members.

A Committee of Horticultural Designs, Landscape Gardening, Birds, Tools and Seeds, consisting of three members.

A Committee on Fruits, consisting of three members.

A Committee on Plants and Flowers, consisting of three members.

A Committee on Vegetables, consisting of three members.

ARTICLE III.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting for choice of Officers, Directors, and Committees, shall be held on the second week in January ; notice of which meeting shall be published by the Recording Secretary, in one French and one English newspaper, having the largest circulation, printed in the City of Quebec, at least six days before the time of election.

ARTICLE IV.

Mode of Election. The mode of Election shall be by ballot. A majority of votes shall constitute a choice ; the President, or person acting in his place, in all cases of election, to have the casting vote.

ARTICLE V.

Quorum. Five Members, exclusive of the Presiding Officer, shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of the business of the Board of Direction ; and thirteen Members shall form a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The Officers of the Society, with the Directors, shall form a Board for the government of the Society; shall hold Meetings, Quarterly, or as often as they may be deemed expedient; shall appoint the time and place for holding Exhibitions; make such rules and regulations, respecting the same, as may be deemed expedient; make and publish before the 15th day of February, of each year, a full and specific list of prizes to be awarded; establish correspondence; form a Library of works pertaining to Horticulture, as soon as practicable; encourage the introduction of new objects of Horticulture; and, for the purpose of promoting the interests and objects of the Society, (subject to the instruction, supervision and control of the Society) shall keep a record of all their proceedings, and make a report of the same to the Society, as its Annual Meeting.

Board of Direction

its duties.

ARTICLE VII.

Whenever any vacancy shall occur in any of the offices of the Society, it may be filled by a Special Election by the Board of Direction, at such time as they deem expedient, of which one week's notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary, in writing, to each Member of the Board.

Vacancies, how filled.

ARTICLE VIII.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all Meetings of the Society, to maintain order, to state the business before the Society: in case of equal division upon any question, to give the casting vote, to call for accounts and Reports of all Committees; to call extra meetings of the Society, when requested, in writing, by five Members; and generally to superintend the execution of such By-Laws and Regulations as the Society shall from time to time enact, not otherwise provided for.

Duties of President.

ARTICLE IX.

In case of the absence of the President at any Meeting of the Society, it shall be the duty of the senior Vice President (in the order of his election) then present,

Duties of Vice President.

to take the chair, who shall, for the time being, have and exercise all the authority, privileges, and power of the President; and in case neither the President or either of the Vice-Presidents shall be present, the Society shall then choose, *viva voce*, a President, *pro tempore*, who shall, for the time, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

ARTICLE X.

Duties of
Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive all sums of money due or payable to the Society, and shall keep and disburse the same, as may be directed by the Board of Direction, of which he shall render a true account; no payments to be made without the written order of the President, or, (in case of his absence from the City of Quebec,) of the senior Vice-President.

ARTICLE XI.

Duties of
Corresponding
Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters, in the name of the Society, and conduct its correspondence; shall keep copies of the same, in a book to be provided for the purpose, which shall be open to the inspection of the Members at any regular meeting; shall also receive and read all letters and papers addressed to the Society, and shall dispose of them in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws, or directed by the Society; shall report to the Board of Direction the receipt of all donations of Seeds, Plants or Specimens to the Society, when they shall be appropriated in such manner as deemed best, (the recipients from time to time making report of their success.) In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall perform his duties; and in the absence of both Secretaries, the President shall appoint either a Corresponding or Recording Secretary, or both, *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE XII.

Duties of
Recording
Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to give due notice of all Meetings of the Society, and Board of Direction; he shall record the proceedings of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose. In the

absence of the Corresponding Secretary, he shall perform his duties.

ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be the duty of the President to appoint the Chairmen or Conveners of the Committees, named in Article 2, which Chairmen or Conveners shall constitute the Committee for establishing premiums, whose duty it shall be to present to the Board of Direction, for their approval, from time to time, a list of premiums recommended by them.

Committee
for estab-
lishing
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ARTICLE XIV.

The Committee for awarding premiums and gratuities, shall consist of the Committee on Landscape Gardening, &c., the Committee on Fruits, Committee on Plants and Flowers, and Committee on Vegetables. Three Members of either of these Committees shall be a quorum; and if three Members shall not be in attendance, the President, with advice and consent of those Members present, may call to his aid such other Members as he may see fit to appoint for the occasion. It shall be their duty, respectively, to attend at the Society's Hall, or Place of Exhibition, one hour before the same is open to the public; to examine and label the specimens exhibited, and to award the premiums or gratuities; also to attend at such other times and places as may be prescribed by the Society, and shall have power to make rules in regard to the time and manner of exhibiting specimens, for the premiums,—submitting the same to the Society for approval. It shall also be their duty to examine all new Plants, Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables, presented at the exhibitions, and to report the botanical name, description and merit of the respective specimens, and report to the Board of Direction, within fourteen days after the exhibition, the premiums and gratuities awarded by them; all such awards, whether as medals, money or plate, or a certificate thereof, signed by the Chairman of the respective Committees, shall be presented and given to persons entitled thereto, or to their representatives, by the President or presiding officer of the Society, at the next

Commit-
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meeting subsequent to that at which the award was made; and the names of persons to whom premiums or gratuities shall have been awarded, in the course of the year, shall be duly recorded, and such publicity given thereto as the Society may from time to time direct: provided always, that no person shall act with, or as a Member of, the said Committee in awarding any prize for which he may himself be a competitor.

ARTICLE XV.

Annual and occasional Exhibitions There shall be an Annual Exhibition of Fruits, Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Horticultural Designs, &c., on such day or days, (in the month of September) and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Direction may approve; there shall also be exhibitions at such other times and seasons as may be by them deemed expedient.

ARTICLE XVI.

Privileges of Members Any individual may become a Member of this Society by the annual payment of ten shillings, and shall be entitled to vote, shall be eligible to any office or appointment, receive a printed copy of the published transactions of the Society, a printed copy of the Constitution, free admission, and may introduce two ladies to all the exhibitions of the Society, which admission shall be regulated by tickets, not transferable.

ARTICLE XVII.

Life Members. The contribution of £5 shall constitute a Life Membership, and exempt the Member from all future contributions.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Honorary and Corresponding Members The Society, on the recommendation of the Board of Direction, may elect as Honorary and Corresponding Members, such distinguished individuals as have contributed to the promotion of Horticulture, to whom the Corresponding Secretary shall transmit a notification or certificate of election, countersigned by the President. Such Members shall not, by this act, be entitled to any of the pecuniary, elective or controlling privileges of the Association.

ARTICLE XIX.

Any Member who, after notice, shall neglect for the space of one year, to pay his annual subscription, shall cease to retain his connection with the Society, and the Treasurer shall have power to erase his name from the list of Members; and any Member may withdraw from the Society, by giving notice to the Treasurer or Secretary, and paying the amount due by him to the Society. If any member shall do anything to dishonor the Society, place on the tables or in the Hall, for exhibition or premium, any Plant, Fruit or Specimen, bearing his name, not of his own growth, manufacture or designs, with an intention to deceive, or shall be guilty of any breach of good faith towards the Society, he may be expelled therefrom—two-thirds of the Members present voting for his expulsion; but no Member shall be expelled without a written notice of the motion be served upon him, personally, or left at his usual place of abode, at least ten days before it is acted upon.

Names of
Defaulters
to be erased
from the
book.

ARTICLE XX.

The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January, and all annual subscriptions shall be deemed and taken as due at the time.

ARTICLE XXI.

Premiums and gratuities may be awarded to such persons as shall have essentially advanced the objects of the Society, or for the exhibition of any Fruits, Plants, Flowers or Vegetables, of their own growth or cultivation, either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence, or for any new and successful method of cultivating any kind of fruits, flowers, vegetables, shrubs, plants or trees, or for any other subject connected with Horticulture.

Premiums
to whom
awarded.

ARTICLE XXII.

All donations and bequests shall be sacredly appropriated to the particular object for which they were designed by the donor, and the name, amount and description of each donation shall be registered in a book kept for that purpose.

Donations
& Bequests.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Subscription.

No Member shall be entitled to receive a premium or gratuity, without having previously paid to the Treasurer his annual subscription.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Plants to be property of competitor.

As this Society is formed for the advancement of Horticulture in Canada, it is understood that no plant shall be placed in competition for the regular prizes of the Society, except it shall have been in the Province for the space of three months, and is *bona fide* the property of the member offering it. The Committee may offer gratuities for the introduction of any foreign production.

ARTICLE XXV.

Alteration, how made.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society may be altered and amended at any regular meeting of the Society; a notification of the intended alteration having been made at a previous meeting, and two-thirds of those present voting for such alteration or amendment.

2d.—Resolved, That each of the persons now present be a Committee to procure subscribers and additional members of this Society, and that the proceedings of this meeting be published:

The Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., was then adjourned until the twelfth day of September next.

J. W. DUNSCOMBE,

Secretary.

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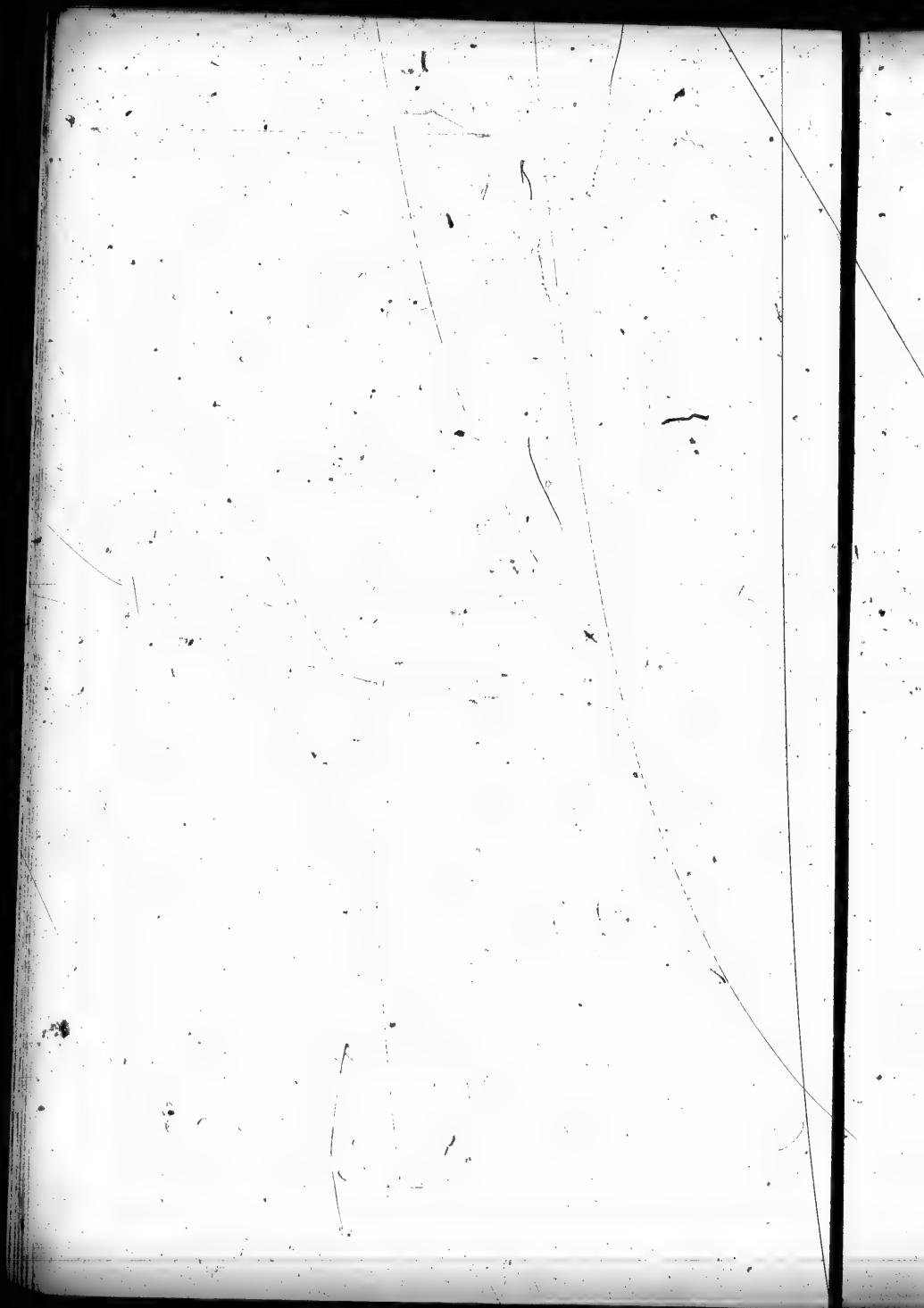
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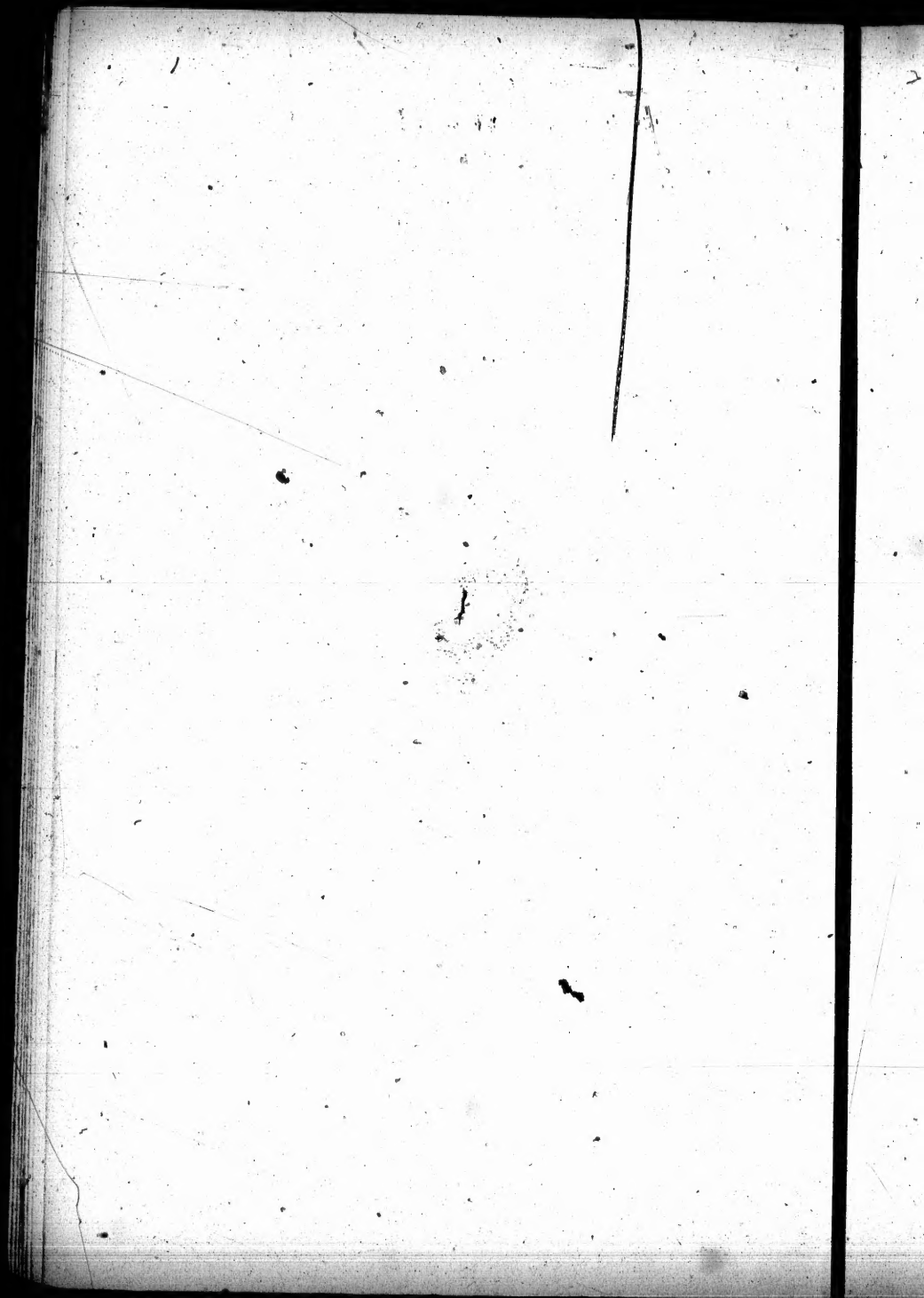
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